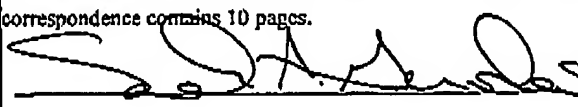


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This paper is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated April 05, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on July 05, 2006.

A request for a one-month extension of time has been included in this response. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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